

The first line of the Specification has been amended to more precisely reflect the proper claim to priority under 35 U.S.C. §§119 and 120 of the instant invention. More specifically, the present application, which was filed on March 9, 2000, now claims priority to U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/066,840, filed November 25, 1997, to which U.S. Provisional Application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. §119; and to International PCT Application No. PCT/US98/25190, filed November 25, 1998, and U.S. Patent Application Nos.: 09/158,342, filed September 21, 1998, and 09/284,663, filed April 15, 1999, to which International PCT Application and U.S. Patent Applications claim priority under 35 U.S.C. §120; the entire disclosures of which are hereby incorporated by reference in their entireties.

The above-described amendments add no new matter. Thus, their entry is respectfully requested.

No fee is believed to be due for the submission of this Preliminary Amendment. Should any fees be required, however, please charge such fees to Genentech, Inc.'s Deposit Account No. 07-0630. The examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (650) 225-4463 if any issues may be resolved in that manner.

Respectfully submitted,
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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**In the Specification**

The specification has been amended to insert as the first sentence following the title, the following:

--This application is a continuation-in-part application (filed under 35 U.S.C. §120) which application claims priority to U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/066,840, filed November 25, 1997, to which U.S. Provisional Application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. §119; and to International PCT Application No. PCT/US98/25190, filed November 25, 1998 and U.S. Patent Application Nos.: 09/158,342, filed September 21, 1998 and 09/284,663, filed April 15, 1999, to which International PCT Application and U.S. Patent Applications claim priority under 35 U.S.C. §120; the entire disclosures of which are hereby incorporated by reference in their entireties.--